import of Complete Machinery and Equipments (excluding spares and components) during 1984-85 is Rs. 1328.34 crores. Data beyond this period is not available at present.

Housing accommodation to beedi workers on hire-purchase basis

127. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proopse to construct and provide housing accommodation to beedi workers on hire-purchase basis; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, housing assistance is provided to Beedi Workers under the Build Your Own House Scheme, and the housing scheme for economically weaker sections.

Family Welfare Education Project for Beedi workers

128. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Family Welfare Education Project for beedi workers is under Government's consideration;

(b) if so, what are the details of the Project; and

(c) by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The Project to be financed by UNFPA/ILO is under consideration of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. It is proposed to impart family welfare educaion to the beedi workers and motivate them to adopt small family norms and to provide family planning services.

(c) Its implementation is likely to commence in 1987.

Reorganisation of States

129. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to initiate steps for reorganisation of States on vertical and horizontal basis so as to make the Indian federation a strong and united polity; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) No such proposal is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

Wages to agricultural labour and construction workers

130. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the level of wages being given to the agricultural labour and construction workers is below the poverty line; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to increase their wages so as to enable them to meet their minimum needs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) For Agricultural and construction industry, it is primarily the State Governments who are competent to determine minimum wages. Each State assesses its local conditions and follows suitable criteria while fixing the minimum wages. State Governments have been advised to take into consideration all relevant considerations including poverty line while fixing minimum wages.

Free-trade Zones

131. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of free-trade zones set up in the country so far;

(b) the details of their trade turnover during the last two years; and

(c) the plans, if any, to set up more free-trade zones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Six export processing zones have been set up so far in the country, as under:—

(i) Kandla
(ii) Santacruze (Bombay)
(iii) Madras
(iv) Falta (Calcutta)
(v) NOIDA (U.P.)
(vi) Cochin

(b) The details of export made during the past two years are as under:—

(Rs./crores)

	1984-85	1985-86
Kandla	238 75	237 99
Santacruze	95.83	84 44

The other zones are under construction. Falta Export Processing Zone and Madras Export Processing Zone commenced exports in 1985-86 and their turnover was Rs. 2.22 crores and Rs. 0.55 crores respectively.

(c) Proposals for setting up of additional Export Processing Zones are considered from time to time keeping in view the availability of requisite resources.

Occupancy rate in ITDC hotels in Bihar

132. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the occupancy rate in the hotels maintained and run by the ITDC in Bihar during the last two years;

(b) whether rooms available in these hotels are sufficient and suitable for foreign tourists; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to improve the tourist traffic in this State during the year 1987-88?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) and (b) ITDC is presently operating only one hotel in Bihar namely Hotel Pataliputra Ashok at Patna. This hotel provides 55 rooms, a Restaurant, a Bar, a Conference Room and a Shopping Arcade and has facilities of 3-Star Category. The percentage of room occupancy in this hotel during the last 2 years and the current year (upto Jan. 87) is given below:—

Year	%age room occupancy
1984-85	40
1985-86	47
1986-87(upto Jan 87)	46

(c) The State of Bihar is being promoted as an important centre of tourist interest especially for Buddhist traffic. For the development of the Buddhist sector, accommodation and Cultural Centres are being set up at Gopalpur, Rajgir, Bodh Gaya, Vaishali, Nalanda etc.

Water Sports Institute

133. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plan to set up a Water Sports Institute is under Government's consideration; and

(b) if so, whether Chandigarh has been considered for its location on account of its important lake and tourist potential?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) The Central Ministry of Tourism has plans to set up a National Institute of Water Sports at Goa during the 7th Five Year Plan.

(b) Chandigarh has not been considered for the location of the Water Sports Institute as no proposal was received from the Union Territory. Moreover since both White Water and sea water sports are to be taken up by the Institute, Goa was found to be most ideally suited for the purpose.